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Appl. No. 10/525,231 TC/A.U. 1654

Filed: February 22, 2005 Examiner: Gudibande, S.R.

For: FURANONE DERIVATIVES AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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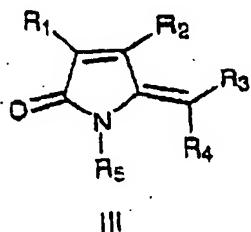
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed June 29, 2007 (for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time), and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of Group II, that is claims 142-148, directed to a compound of formula III as shown below.

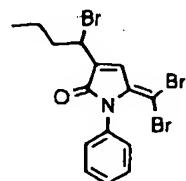


The requirement is respectfully traversed, in that the structure of the compounds of formula VI (Group V) is such that the Examiner would not encounter a significant

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additional searching burden to search for the compounds of formulae III (Group II) and VI (Group V) together. Modification of the restriction requirement to include Group V with Group II is accordingly respectfully requested.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects the following compound:



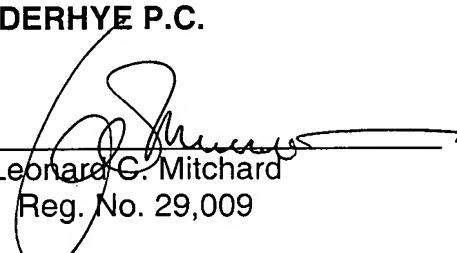
This structure is disclosed on page 13 of the application as filed. Moreover, it is noted that the structure is within both formula III and formula VI.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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